

Senate Resolution 241

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Ginn of the 47th, Gooch of the 51st and Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Donald "Don" J. Carter; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Donald "Don" J. Carter on February 7, 2019; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Don was born in 1932, in Detroit, Michigan, a beloved son of the late Nola and
5 Jewell Carter; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Don graduated from Gainesville High School where he played on both the
7 football and baseball teams, and later, in 1954, earned a degree in economics from Mercer
8 University; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
10 States Army Corps of Engineers as a First Lieutenant, valiantly and courageously protecting
11 his fellow Americans from 1954 to 1956; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Lucile, and was blessed with
13 four remarkable children, Dee Ann, Steve, Carol, and Doug, four wonderful grandchildren,
14 and four exceptional great-grandchildren; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Don served as president of the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce in 1966
16 and was appointed to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Board in 1973 by
17 Governor Jimmy Carter; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was reappointed to the DNR Board by Governor George Busbee, Governor
19 Joe Frank Harris, and Governor Zell Miller; Don chaired the board in 1977 and served as
20 chair of the Land Acquisitions Committee and as chairman of the North Georgia Mountain
21 Authority; and

22 WHEREAS, he was appointed by Governor Miller to chair the Preservation 2000 Committee
23 which purchased more than 3,000 acres of land for park and wildlife management areas; and

24 WHEREAS, Don was passionate about the outdoors and loved hunting and fishing; with the
25 support of Governor Sonny Perdue and others, Don's lifelong service of protecting the
26 wildlife of this state was honored with the development of Don Carter State Park, a 1,300
27 acre tract of land on beautiful Lake Lanier; and

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Don will long be remembered for his love
29 of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
30 knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 join in honoring the life and memory of Donald "Don" J. Carter and express their deepest and
33 most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
36 Donald "Don" J. Carter.